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1. AS INDICATED REFTTEL, A SECOND GREEK CYPRIOT DEMONSTRATION TOOK PLACE AT AMCONGEN PREMISES EVENING AUGUST 16. HOWEVER, THE GREEK CYPRIOTS, UNLIKE THE COMMUNISTS, FIND IT DIFFICULT TO GET ORGANIZED AFTER WORKING HOURS IN TIME TO REACH THE CONGEN BEFORE CLOSING. HENCE, SOMETIME AFTER 1800, ABOUT 150 TO 200 DEMONSTRATED PEACEABLY, BURNING A LARGE PHOTOGRAPH OF SECRETARY KISSINGER AND CARRYING POSTERS.

2. POLICE SPECIAL BRANCH SAYS THIS GROUP CONSISTED MAINLY OF MEMBERS OF THE CYPRIAN BROTHERHOOD GROUP, WHO WERE MAINLY INCENSED BY TURKISH INVASION AND PROTESTING AGAINST "AMERICAN NON-INTERVENTION AND CONTINUED AMERICAN SUPPLY OF ARMS TO TURKEY." AS THIS GROUP MARCHED TO CONGEN, IT WAS MET BY

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SOME 30 PERSONS FROM THE LEFT WING INFILTRATED GREEK ATLAS

GROUP PLUS FOUR INDIVIDUALS BELONGING TO THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF AUSTRALIA WHO WERE LOBBYING AMONG THE CYPRIOTS. SPECIAL BRANCH BELIEVES THERE MAY BE A MOVE WITHIN THE ATLAS GROUP TO PURGE LEFTISTS BUT THE OUTCOME IS UNCERTAIN.

3. DEMONSTRATION WAS WHOLLY PEACEABLE AND PUT ON A GOOD SHOW FOR TELEVISION. POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE DEMONSTRATIONS, OF COURSE, DEPENDS UPON EVENTS RELATED TO CYPRUS SITUATION.
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